(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Educated people in the country

225. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of post graduates, graduates, higher secondary and secondary educated people in the country; and

(b) the methodology adopted to come to conclusions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) According to 1991 census, the break up of educated people in the country (excluding J&K where census was not held) is as follows:

(i) Secondary	4,74,03,246
(ii) Hr. Secondary	1,94,77,267
(iii) Graduate & above	2,06,30,972

(b) The above information is based on data on educational attainment in respect of each individual in the country collected during the Census of India, 1991.

Examining the NCERT Text Books

226. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have, at any time, proposed to set up a committee to examine the NCERT school text books to identify the distortions and inaccuracies to take corrective measures; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) Government of India had set up a Steering Committee to oversee the Programme of Text Book Evaluation. The Committee took up Evaluation of some sets of NCERT Text Books also. Copies of the reports submitted by the Committee were sent to the States concerned and the agencies involved.

Promotion Rules in KVS

227. SHRI GOVINDRAM MIRI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an employee of Central Government is debarred from further promotion for one year if he declines the promotional offer;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that in some instrumentalities like, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan this debarring is five years; and

(c) if so, the rationale of this kind of discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is an autonomous body. Rule 22 of the Memorandum of Association and the Rules of the KVS empowers the Board of Governors to regulate the conditions of service of its employees. Till 08.06.1999 an employee of KVS, on his refusal to accept promotion used to be debarred from further promotion for one year. This provision however proved quite ineffective in containing the extent of non-acceptance of promotions and as a result of this, vacancies remained unfilled and studies suffered. To check this problem the Board of Governors in its meeting held on 21.7.1998 decided to raise the period of debarment to five years. This has been given effect from 9.6.1999.